

**SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL DIVISION
RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Paygrade – 8728 (\$64,000 to \$72,379)
April 2, 2021 – April 16, 2021**

The Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General is seeking a candidate for a Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG) position within the Civil Division, to begin May 2021.

About the Office of the Attorney General:

The Attorney General is the state's top lawyer and law enforcement official, protecting and serving the people and interests of Rhode Island through a broad range of duties. Every day, the Office's attorneys fight to ensure the public safety of the state's communities, improve the economic security of its citizens, safeguard the state's spectacular natural resources, and restore the public's trust in government. Assistant and Special Assistant Attorneys General represent the people of Rhode Island in civil and criminal matters before trial courts, appellate courts, and the supreme courts of Rhode Island and the United States. The Office is unique among attorneys general offices across the country. Out of fifty states, only two other offices share the same broad criminal mission. The Office's attorneys prosecute complex and violent crimes but also functionally serve as one of the nation's largest district attorney's offices, prosecuting all felonies throughout the state.

Civil Division:

The Civil Division leads affirmative and defensive litigation on behalf of the state, counsels the Attorney General and other government officials, and performs a range of regulatory duties. From identifying and pursuing landmark civil actions against businesses and individuals that have harmed Rhode Islanders to defending state laws, state agencies, state general officers, legislators, and employees, the Division and its attorneys are at the forefront of matters being litigated before trial courts, appellate courts, and the supreme courts of Rhode Island and the United States.

Duties and Opportunities:

The Civil Division of the Office of Attorney General is seeking an attorney to develop, lead, and support litigation and other initiatives in the Consumer and Economic Justice Unit. The SAAG in this position will be responsible for assisting in identifying and investigating potential cases, prioritizing Consumer work, case development, pre-trial litigation, negotiation, written and oral argument, trial work, and appeals. Responsibilities also include close work with consumers, community advocates, federal enforcers, and other Attorney General offices on multistate litigation. This work may be in one or more of a broad range of civil areas including: administrative law, antitrust, consumer and deceptive practices, data protection & privacy and charitable trusts. The applicant will be expected to carry a full civil litigation caseload in the capacity as first and as second chair, and be expected to draft, file, and argue motions/legal memoranda, as well as litigate, in state and federal court.

Opportunities for Special Assistant Attorneys General in the Civil Division also include attending National Association of Attorney General trainings and conferences throughout the country, serving on state, local, federal, and/or non-profit boards, commissions, working groups, and/or task forces as a designee of the Attorney General, providing substantive expertise to legislative or policy initiatives, supervising student interns as part of the Office's legal internship program.

Eligibility:

The successful applicant must have a law degree from an accredited law school and be an active member in good standing of the bar of any jurisdiction. If not a member of the Rhode Island Bar, the candidate must be eligible for admission to the Rhode Island bar and prepared to sit for the bar exam.

Qualifications:

At least three years of litigation experience is preferred. Strong candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law. Candidates must have strong written/oral advocacy and negotiating skills and possess the capacity to function in a sometimes-high stress, demanding environment. Applicant must work well independently and as part of a team, including with other attorneys and support staff. Ability to work with other state government employees and communicate with members of the public is a must. Litigation experience in both state and federal court is preferred. The applicant should bring innovative thinking to the ways in which the Office of the Attorney General can consistently and increasingly meet the needs of Rhode Island residents.

The Attorney General's Office is stronger, more credible, and more capable when its attorneys bring diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives to their work. The Office encourages all qualified applicants from all ethnic and racial backgrounds, veterans, LGBTQ individuals, and persons with disabilities to apply.

How to Apply:

Applicants should email (1) a cover letter summarizing why you are interested and describing the skills and abilities you possess that will enable you to succeed in this position, (2) resume, (3) list of three references: and (4) a writing sample to

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by 11:59 p.m. on the closing date indicated above. Documents should be in Word or PDF format.

Other Information:

The selected applicant will be subject to a background investigation including reference checks.

Equal Opportunity Employer:

All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, disability, or covered veteran status.

Start Date: *We are seeking a candidate to begin May 2021.*